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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Action mailed December 15, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Invention I which is embodied in FIGS. 1-7 of the application. In this regard, Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-21 and 23-27 are believed to read on the elected Invention Species, with examination thereof respectfully requested.

This election is made without traverse. The generic status of Claims 1, 6-13, 19-21 and 24-27 is acknowledged. Finally, the Applicant reserves his right to seek examination of the withdrawn Claims 4, 5, 14 and 22 upon allowance of an underlying generic claim.

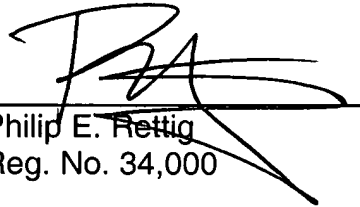
The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned legal counsel at
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Respectfully submitted,

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